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FORMER KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO SCHEME TO DEFRAUD EMPLOYER OF MORE THAN \$200,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Kansas City woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to devising a wire fraud scheme to defraud her employer of \$208,117.04.

Jacqueline Christina Wayne, 38, of Centennial, Colo., who formerly lived in the Kansas City area, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Wayne** admitted that between Sept. 23, 2000, and Jan. 21, 2003, she devised a scheme to defraud her former employer, Summit Hotel Management, Inc., of \$208,117.04.

Wayne was employed as a controller for the company, which is located at 4600 Summit St., in Kansas City. In her position, **Wayne** prepared financial statements, processed payroll, and was responsible for making cash deposits.

As part of her scheme to defraud Summit Hotel Management, **Wayne** used a fraudulent Social Security number on her application of employment, her Internal Revenue Service Form W-4, and her Missouri Department of Revenue Form W-4.

Once employed, **Wayne** falsified her own payroll information in order to fraudulently receive enhanced, tax-free earnings in an amount greater than her authorized salary. She was able to do this because she was responsible for submitting the company's payroll information to Automatic Data Processing (ADP), a payroll contractor in Lenexa, Kan. ADP would subsequently process the payroll information and provide checks to Summit Hotel Management or directly deposit the checks into employees' bank accounts.

Wayne had her personal payroll checks directly deposited into two separate bank accounts in Kansas and Texas. Both accounts listed **Wayne's** correct Social Security number.

In addition to claiming a salary higher than she was authorized, **Wayne** also would produce and cash fraudulent checks for former or terminated employees. Additionally, **Wayne** would take cash from the company's daily deposits for her own personal use.

Wayne was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 26, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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